Shooting in Berlin Means World Atom War, Ike Warns

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower has confronted Premier Khrushchev with the grim prospect that if he starts shooting over Berlin he will have a nuclear war on his hands.

At his press conference Wednesday Eisenhower talked with unusual bluntness about the kind of conflict which could develop if the Berlin crisis is carried to the point of armed clash.

He apparently was prompted to do so by attacks by Democrats in Congress on his defence policies.

Implicit in these criticisms has been the idea that should there be shooting over Berlin it would be initially a conflict between ground forces, and that this might lead to a limited or "brushfire" war.

Eisenhower hit two points hard:

1. He said that "we are not going to fight a ground war in Europe" — where Russia has 23 divisions in East Germany and another 150-plus in supporting positions in eastern Europe and Russia itself.

2. Nuclear war would be a terrible and costly form of warfare, and under some circumstances might be even self-defeating. But he would not say that nuclear war is a complete impossibility. He took the position that the Western powers must stand steady and defend their responsibilities by whatever means is necessary.

Inquiry among responsible officials after the press conference left no doubt that Eisenhower was trying to say that, as he sees it, any conflict over Berlin would necessarily lead quickly and directly to a global, nuclear clash between the Western powers and the Soviet Union.

Indeed, it is this prospect the U.S. administration and Allied leaders abroad are apparently counting on to dissuade Khrushchev from carrying too far his drive to get the Western powers out of Berlin.

Authorities said the president and his chief advisers do not see a complete parallel between Berlin and the two great crises last year over Lebanon in the Middle East and Quemoy in the Far East. In neither of those cases was there a prospect of direct clash between Soviet and U.S. forces.

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Civil Servants' Deadline Hours Away

CABINET READY FOR STRIKE

Pony, Peter Pair of Happy Wanderers

Case of the wandering horse was solved within minutes yesterday by Saanich police after two boys turned over to them this white gelding, shown with Const. Frank Briers. Mrs. James Hewitt, 4540 West Saanich Road, wife of the owner, said the horse's wandering is far from solved for them. It has "wandered quite a few times" and is adept at breaking the halter rope, slipping its halter and opening barn doors.

Unconcerned "Peter" (his last name, he kept saying, was "Punkin-eater") enjoys ice cream cone under watchful eye of Const. Albert Wells at city police headquarters. Small boy, about three, was found wandering around downtown store at 11.35 a.m. yesterday. He was claimed after his mother, Mrs. Peter Woycheshin, heard radio broadcast at 5.15 p.m. The boy is one of six children.—(Colonist photos)

Picket Army Ready

By ALEC MERRIMAN

Some 156 B.C. government stationary engineers last night called off their strike against the provincial government which was scheduled to start at 8 a.m. today.

But they will join in the general strike of civil servants which is still scheduled for 7 a.m. Friday. If it comes off as scheduled Victoria will see the biggest army of strike picketers ever gathered here.

A. C. Bennett, assistant general secretary of the B.C. Government Employees' Association, last night said the engineers' strike had been cancelled because the government had met all requirements of the engineers for settlement of 1958 wages. It means government offices will be heated for one more day.

The government has also met all the wage demands of its 14,000 civil servants, but has not yet tabled the Carrothers commission report on bargaining rights of civil servants.

The association now demands the government table the report in the legislature, give the association executive a copy and implement by order-in-council any bargaining procedures recommended by Dr. Carrothers and acceptable to the BCGEA.

BCGEA general secretary E. P. O'Connor said last night it was because Premier Bennett had promised to do those things that the general civil servants' strike was called off in July, 1957.

"Now he has forgotten," Mr. O'Connor charged.

"The issue now is not so much a labor dispute as the question of government integrity," he said.

He added that broadly speaking the wages in the report of the civil service commission, which range from increases of $12 a month to $200 a month, "are what we agreed to."

Mr. Bennett (not the premier) said the question of validity of the proposed strike in relation to the recently-taken strike ballot has been raised because the ballot was taken on wages and not on bargaining rights.

But, he explained, since the ballot was mailed there have been mass meetings of all BCGEA locals and all 48 locals have sent telegrams placing

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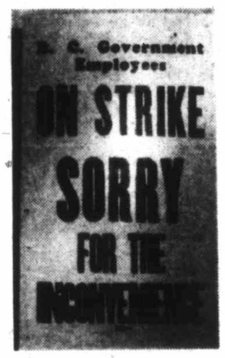

PICKET CARDS ARE ALL READY FOR CIVIL SERVANTS' STRIKE

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Crisis Action Planned

Within two hours after a general civil servants' strike is in effect the goverment is prepared to take emergency action, the Daily Colonist learned last night.

It is understood orders-in council have already been drawn up to invoke measures to end a strike if it comes.

There was no indication of what the procedure might be, but it was believed emergency measures under the Civil Defence Act might be used.

It was also learned that one measure might be to give every supervisor the right to hire another person in the event that a government employee did not report for work.

"We will not take this lying down," the source said. He said the government would not see an interruption in essential services. "We must move and we will."

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Union Rights Bill Delayed

Debate on a CCF bill to grant full bargaining rights to civil servants was adjourned in the legislature yesterday.

The legislation, introduced by Rae Eddie (CCF, New Westminster) sought to amend the Labor Relations Act to give all civil servants the rights and responsibilities of other workers.

Numerous Services Affected

B.C. government employees strike deadline is less than 24 hours away and failure to reach agreement by 7 a.m. tomorrow would mean disruption of many services, unless the government invokes emergency regulations.

Under emergency powers of the Civil Defence Act, it is possible the government may draft non-government employees to keep essential services functioning.

Strike by more than 11,000 government employees throughout the province could lead to the following:

NO LIQUOR

1. No liquor would be on sale because all liquor stores would be closed.

2. MLAs would shiver in the legislative buildings left without heat. The legislature would probably continue sitting, but transaction of business would be slowed.

3. Courts would not be able to function because the courthouse staff would be affected.

4 Issuing of marriage licences would stop, causing delays while couples have their banns read in church. There would be no civil marriages.

5. Registration of births and deaths would stop, with consequent delays in family allowances, while temporary permits are expected to be granted to enable burials to take place.

6. Welfare and provincial pension cheques would stop or at least be considerably delayed for the duration of the strike.

BCHIS PAYMENTS

7. BCHIS payments would stop.

8. Real estate deals could not be completed, because the land registry office staff would be affected. The same applies to issuing of drivers' licences and car registrations.

9. Health and sanitary inspection services would be stopped. There would be no agricultural disease control or other farm services provided by the government. No forest controls. No registration of mining claims.

10. Fishermen and hunters would be virtually free of controls imposed by fish and game inspectors, although it is expected that police would take over as many as possible of these duties.

Dave Lyttle, chairman of the Victoria branch of BCGEA, said pickets would be placed around the legislative buildings, the Douglas building, Victoria College, Colquitz mental hospital, liquor stores, liquor warehouses, companies registrar office and courthouse.

The provincial government has some $7,000 worth of plants in greenhouses, said Mr. Lyttle, therefore special work permits would be issued to gardeners at Victoria College, the legislative buildings and new government house.

Newfoundland Policeman Dies

GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP)— A Newfoundland policeman injured in a fight between loggers and police at nearby Badger, Tuesday, died in hospital early today.

Smallwood Says:

If We Can't Keep Order We'll Quit

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood said in the Newfoundland legislature Wednesday that his government will resign if it cannot maintain law and order in the province.

Mr. Smallwood asked during a statement immediately after the House opened whether the International Woodworkers of America (CLC) was organizing a private army in Newfoundland.

"The first responsibility of any government is to maintain order," he said. "If we cannot maintain law and order we have not the right to stay in power.

"The Newfoundland government will resign if it cannot maintain law and order."

Mr. Smallwood said if the RCMP is unable to control the violence, special police will be sworn in to restore law and order.

The premier said "we pray a charge of murder will not have to be laid" as a result of the fight between police and striking loggers.

He said Constable William Moss of the Newfoundland constabulary, injured during the fracas, was "hovering be-

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Crescent and Star

Seldom-seen sight in Victoria's skies delighted hundreds of residents last night. Rare passing of the moon and planet Venus made the two seem close together, although they were millions of miles apart. Meteorologists says this occurs often but is rarely seen because it happens during day or after moon-set.—(AP Photofax).

Hawaii Vote Comes Today

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly last night to make the mid-Pacific vacationland of Hawaii, home of the hula, America's 50th state. The House was expected to follow suit today.

Commonwealth Hurt

Bias in Business Charged to U.S.

LONDON (Reuters) — Sir David Eccles, president of the board of trade, complained yesterday the United States has discriminated economically against Commonwealth countries.

Eccles told the American Chamber of Commerce that if the U.S. and Britain fail to set a good example in economic policy, "there is little chance that anyone else in the free world can do so."

Among his complaints:

1. New American import quotas on lead and zinc.

2. A new U.S. tariff on British wool.

3. Rejection of a low British bid for a hydro-electric project in Arkansas.

4. American pressure for international approval of an American-designed air navigational aid instead of a British one, claimed to be superior.

Eccles said these moves were reducing economic co-operation between the U.S. and the Commonwealth although Britain is America's "most robust and reliable ally."

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Rhodesia Outlaws African Congress

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia (Reuters)— Southern Rhodesia moved Wednesday to put a permanent ban on the African National Congress, blamed for the present emergency.

A bill to outlaw it was given first reading in Parliament here. More than 180 congress officials have been arrested.

Smallwood Hits Press

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood Wednesday accused two Toronto newspapers of "falsifying" in some of their coverage of Tuesday's clash between striking loggers and police at Badger.